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Mr J. M. Barr,

1st VPresident and Genl Manager Seaboard AirLine,

Portsmouth, Va.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 22nd enclosing copy of letter from 2nd V. P. E. F. Cost is at hand.

I wish to thank you personally for the attention given to this project. Those not familiar with the country referred to and the port have but little idea of the rem arkable progress made there within the past three years, or since the Naval Stores business, croded out of North and South Carolina and Georgia has taken up its work there. And under the new process of tapping this business will be of long duration. It is true that when the L. & N. built through the north part of Florida and for years afterwards that line with no beginning or end, was unprofitable, but that is not the case now, nor for the past few years.

It is a fact that the L. & N. have discouraged all lines entering that section. They consider it their territory and are prepared to build through it from Graceville at a moments notice. In fact private log lines along such a proposed line are being built under the supervision of the L. & N. engineer force. But I wish some other line to build in to the Bay country, as if it be the L. & N. alone there will be a repetition of the dry rot conditions existing now and for years at Pensacola. The Gulf coast and Pensacola and saint Andrews are bound to break away from that companys "waiting " policy some day. I believe you will live to see it, and the value of Saint Andrews as a port. Again thanking you for what you have done I am

Truly yours